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Serial 'cat burglar'? Scuffle after man allegedly found in teen girl's bedroom

■ Prowler armed with knife and "binding materials" said to have assaulted teenage girl in her room

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

"We think he's done this before and we think we arrested him before he did something 'unfixable,' " said Lt. Bruce Muramoto of the West Sacramento Police Department.

Muramoto was referring to suspect Richard Pearce Wagner, a 28-year old resident of Yolo Street in West Sacramento, who was arrested early Monday morning after a struggle at a Rogers Street home. At about 5 a.m., said Muramoto, a man at the home allegedly found Wagner "on top of a 13-year old victim in her room, with his hand covering her mouth. He was wearing a mask and had binding material in his pockets."

"A fight ensued (between the adult resident and the suspect), the police were called and we arrested (Wagner) for prowling and assault with a deadly weapon – he had armed himself with a knife from the kitchen. We feel he was responsible for about 15 other 'cat burglaries' -- entries when somebody was in the house."

Muramoto said Wagner apparently entered through a rear sliding door at the home.

"We arrested him once before, two years ago, for prowling," said the lieutenant. "We think he's done this before. We think we arrested him before he did something 'unfixable.' "

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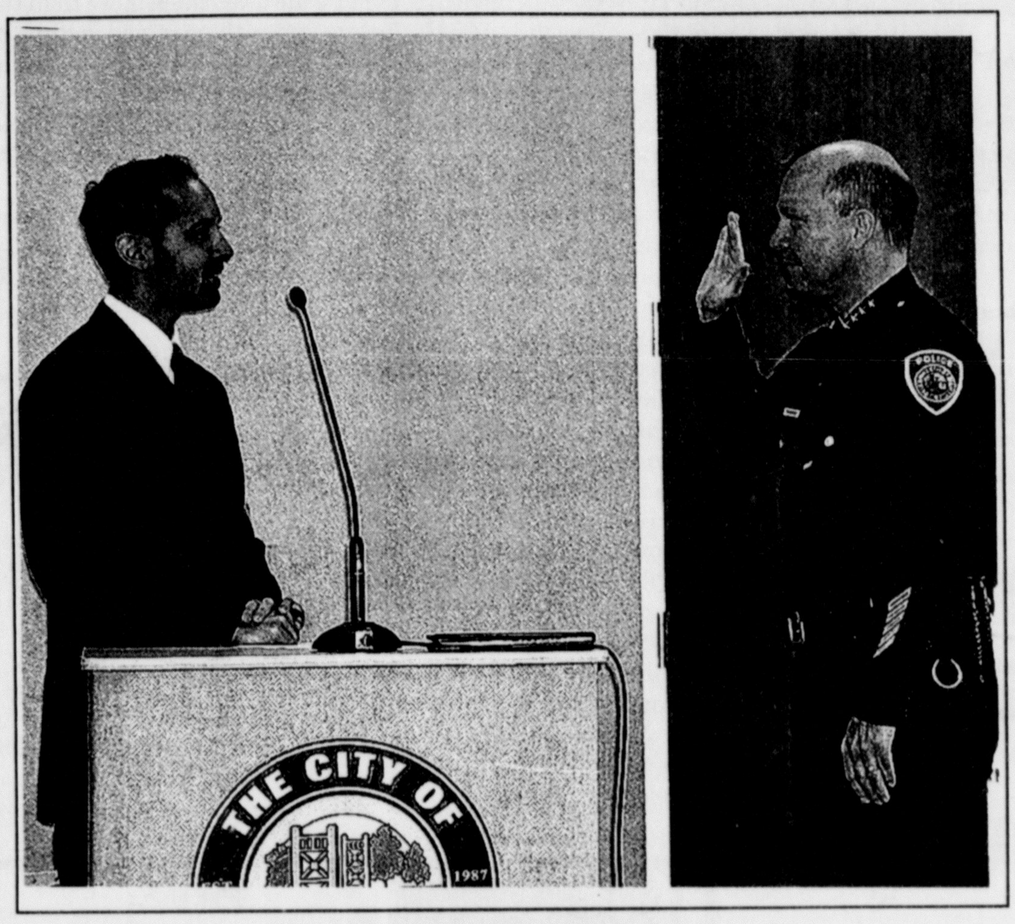


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DANIEL DRUMMOND (right), a 27-year veteran of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, was sworn in to his new post as West Sacramento's police chief on Monday by Mayor Christopher Cabaldon (left). While working for the sheriff's department, one of Drummond's assignments was to serve under contract as the first police chief for the city of Citrus Heights.

Drummond told the News-Ledger last month that he believes he was hired by West Sacramento because of his "strong background in community policing and community outreach." The 51-year old added that he hopes to retire in West Sacramento, perhaps around age 60.

Former West Sacramento chief Gary Leonard resigned for health reasons.

Boyfriend of mother is suspected in child's death

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A two-year old boy died from severe trauma on August 16, and the boyfriend of the boy's mother has been booked for murder charges in the case.

In a press statement and in a more recent interview, West Sacramento Police Lieutenant Bruce Muramoto said that two-year old Zenido Mendoza had been in the care of 27-year old Javier Guerrero before the incident.

"(Guerrero) took the mother to work and was going to Kragen Auto Parts to buy some auto supplies and the two-year old was with him," said Muramoto. "Supposedly, he left the kid in the car with the windows rolled down – there wasn't an issue with the heat in the car. When he came back, he said, he found the child unresponsive. For whatever reason, he drove over to the Riverbend shopping center where Molina Clinic is. There happened to be a fire truck there, and they responded, and an ambulance responded."

The boy, who was not breathing, was taken to a Sacramento hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy set the cause of death as severe internal injuries.

Police believe Guerrero caused the injuries.

"Basically, it was trauma," said Muramoto. "The blow was so hard it tore his pancreas in half."

Police have responded to domestic violence issues at the family's Evergreen Circle household before, he said, but Muramoto was not aware that Guerrero has had any prior convictions.

Back-to-school:

Don't forget to check for healthy sight & hearing

From the California Department of Consumer Affairs

It's not uncommon for a young child starting out in school to struggle when it comes to reading or listening to the teacher's instructions. Quite often, however, the problem is not so much reading the words as it is seeing the words, or the student may find it difficult hearing the teacher.

The California Board of Optometry reminds parents that including an eye exam in back-to-school preparations can help young students avoid future study frustrations. Such exams can determine if a child's eyesight is developing normally and identify a problem before it becomes more serious.

A recent national study conducted by Vision Service Plan revealed that 70 percent of children under the age of six fail to get their eyes checked before starting school.

"As parents, we all want our children to do well in school," says Dr. Ed Hernandez, optometrist and President of the Board of Optometry. "If a child can't see the words and images on the blackboard, on the computer screen, or in a book, that child will have difficulty keeping up with the rest of the class. Regular comprehensive eye exams are the best way to find out if a child needs help to see more clearly."

Similar problems can arise for the 11 to 15 percent of today's schoolchildren suffering with a hearing loss. The California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board emphasizes the importance of watching young children for indications of hearing difficulties, such as straining to hear others speak, not responding to sounds normally, or even pronouncing words differently than other children of the same age.

When searching for an eye doctor or an audiologist, parents should seek recommendations from family members and friends. Once the selection is made, you can check the status of the professional's license by going to the Consumer Affairs Web site at www.dca.ca.gov and clicking on "License and Complaint History."

See the Department of Consumer Affairs Web site at www.dca.ca.gov for other Back to School Consumer Tips.

When construction pros pump water out of the way, they may also be pumping it out of wells

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Running water is often taken for granted – until it smells funny or stops running altogether, as it has sporadically for some residents of homes in West Sacramento's southern reaches who are served by wells instead of city pipes. The culprit seems to be a low water table related to recent construction in the Jefferson Boulevard area.

"All this started when they started digging up Jefferson Blvd.," reports Richard LaBonte of French Road, whose water now sometimes "smells like rotten eggs."

"There are other homes having trouble getting to the water. I noticed two big homes on Jefferson with water tanks and hoses now running to their houses." Other people have told him they have had pumps run dry, said LaBonte.

LaBonte believes the problem is linked to the expansion of Jefferson Blvd. – he believes that project lowered the water table when they pumped out water – "de-watered" – their project area to allow them to lay pipe.

City council member Bill Kristoff says he is not sure if the expansion project is part of the reason for lowered groundwater in the area, but he wants to make sure that other "de-watering" projects take care to minimize their impact on the water table.

"The Jefferson Boulevard expansion project was thought to be maybe part of the problem," said Kristoff. "It was an issue I wanted to bring up with city staff because with the upcoming Northwest Interceptor project, the digging will be deeper because the pipe is deeper. With development projects, there's always inconvenience. I just want to keep the inconvenience down to as minimal a level as possible."

The Lower Northwest Interceptor Project is a plan to bring a major sewage line underground through West Sacramento from Natomas to Elk Grove – allowing West Sacramento to hook up in the process.

Kristoff said he wants the Northwest Interceptor proponents to be aware of the potential disruption to well-water users in West Sacramento. He wants those pumping water from the water table for a major construction project to notify the residents so they can lower their pumps deeper into their wells – possibly preventing a pump from burning out by starting to suck air. And he said it may be necessary for somebody to provide a water truck for residents temporarily left with dry wells, if it comes to that.

The Northwest Interceptor planners "are certainly on top of the issue – they've listened to staff and the council and me," said Kristoff.

Water table troubles should be temporary, he added.

"It only should take 24 hours for the levels to come back up, since we're so close to the river," said Kristoff.

Meanwhile, housing developers in Southport have sometimes done the same thing – "de-watering" an area to allow for underground work, pumping it into the deep water channel or new man-made lakes, said Kristoff.

A representative from the Yolo County Environmental Health Department has said he is aware of one resident of the area near French, Gregory and Partridge who has applied for a permit to dig a deeper well recently. But he is not aware of anyone, like LaBonte, who has complained of poor water quality.

Ahead in local government —

A workshop on how to design a **"transit center" for West Sacramento**, and where to put it, is scheduled for 5:30 to 8 p.m. (open house, come at your convenience) at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Meanwhile, an agenda reports that a public workshop for the city's economic development advisory commission (EDAC) will tackle the "transit center" issue at 6 p.m. by inviting participants to break into small groups to discuss options. The EDAC workshop is also scheduled for the civic center.

The school board of the **Washington Unified School District** met in a special session on Monday to discuss, among other things, real estate negotiations. A school board member told the News-Ledger afterwards that

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Meet, love & disappoint only the exceptional

Note: Daryl is off this week. Below is one of his favorite columns from the past.



"He turned out to be a real creep, Dad," my daughter sadly informed me late last Saturday night.

"Who turned out to be a creep?" I asked her.

"My boyfriend."

"But I kind of liked that one," I said, recalling that the young man was very polite and even wanted to be a writer someday, "but I guess you can't expect too much from someone who wears a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball cap."

"This isn't funny, Dad. I broke up with him for good tonight."

"I really wouldn't take it too seriously, Carrie," I said. "Don't be forgetting that there's always another guy."

"But I honestly cared about this one," she said with sincerity. "He had a lot of qualities I really respected."

"Then that makes you one of the lucky ones."

"Well, all I know is that I sure don't feel very lucky tonight. It all turned out to be one big waste of time."

"But I don't think that's true at all," I said.

"What do you mean?"

"Well, a famous philosopher once said that when it comes to relationships, 'The goal is to meet, love, and disappoint only exceptional beings', "and to the degree that we manage to do that in our life, we always end up ahead of the game."

"You're probably going to have to explain that one."

"The sad truth about relationships, Carrie, is that sooner or later, they all have to come to an end. Even those few individuals lucky enough to bump into the perfect partner have to call it a life sooner or later. So the goal should always be to meet, love, and disappoint only exceptional human beings."

"But why is 'disappoint' in there?"

"Because no matter how hard we try, we always end up disappointing, and being disappointed by, those we love. Others never meet all of our needs, nor do we meet all of theirs. But if we spend as much of our time on this earth as possible hanging out with truly exceptional people, then when those disappointments come, our days and nights together will not have been wasted."

"So describe one of these exceptional beings for me."

"Sure. Among many other things, he or she is kind, compassionate, empathetic, forgiving, never deliberately cruel, humble, as honest as possible, tolerant, appreciative of the life they've been given and determined to make a contribution to the lives of those who are less fortunate, they usually adore and understand children, are always capable of seeing the humor in things, and they're also charitable, hard-working, color blind, good listeners, and they usually have nice looking feet?"

"Nice looking feet?" my daughter asked with a smile.

"I just threw that one in there. It's a personal preference of mine."

"And how will I know if I'm hanging out with a non-exceptional human being?"

"Oh, that's simple. They're very easy to spot and it's really important to get them all the way out of your life as soon as possible -- and to not waste a lot of precious time thinking you can change them for the better. Anyway, they're usually mean-spirited, lazy, prone to violence, selfish, enjoy hurting others with words or deeds, use cuss words in place of adjectives, take drugs or drink way too much, are self-absorbed and absolutely sure that they have all the right on their side, convinced that life owes them more than they've received, consider themselves victims of this or that, and they've usually purchased all of Rush Limbaugh's books."

"I don't know, Dad. Sometimes I think I would be better off if I just avoided relationships altogether."

"But meaningful relationships are all that really matter in this life," I tried to explain. "Everything else is actually just a very complicated smoke screen. People may try to tell you different, but they're just kidding themselves. Those in pursuit of money think that's going to be the answer. Workaholics chasing success and recognition are sure they've got it right. People with gorgeous bodies or faces are convinced they're the lucky ones. People living in beautiful homes will tell you it's about houses. Guys driving fancy vehicles think it's cars, and women in expensive outfits think it's clothes. The deception goes on and on."

"So, time spent loving an exceptional being is always time that was well used, no matter how things turn out, and when I look back on it, it'll be a good memory?"

"Exactly!"

And if you're really lucky, I wanted to add, someday you'll get to spend as much time as the gods will permit looking deep into the soul of the exceptional being of your dreams, and know what the song means when it proclaims that the greatest achievement of all is to simply be able to say, "In this life, I was loved by you."

***Thought of the week** (from longtime News-Ledger subscriber Bill Wright)*: Getting older can be scary. The other day a friend of mine called her doctor's office and asked, "Is it true that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

She thought for a moment and said, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious my condition is, because the prescription is marked 'No Refills'."



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"The Battle of Salamis: The Naval Encounter That Saved Greece - and Western Civilization" by Barry Strauss.

"Gonzo Gizmos: Projects & Devices to Channel Your Inner Geek" by Simon Quellen Field.

"Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars" by Pete Rose with Rick Hill.

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Thelma Louise West-Shiggs

Thelma Shiggs passed away in Sacramento on August 21, 2004. She leaves to cherish her memory a loving husband of 52 years, William Shiggs; one adopted son, Kirby Shiggs of Redding, CA.; mother-in-law, Mozell Shiggs of Savannah, GA.; sister-in-law, Ethel Rhaney of Savannah, GA.; nieces, Mary Sherrill of Atlanta, GA., Janel Moseley of Norwalk, CT., Leila Fuller of New York, NY., and Sherrill Rhaney of Savannah, GA.; and a host of grand nieces, nephews, cousins, neices and nephews-in-law, and friends.

Funeral services will be held on August 26, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 3565 9th Avenue in Sacramento. Viewing will be on August 25, 2004 from 3-7 p.m. at Morgan Jones Chapel of Chimes, 4200 Broadway in Sacramento.

Mary E. Haworth

Mary Haworth passed away at home in West Sacramento on August 2, 2004. She was the beloved wife of 62 years to Kenneth Haworth; the loving mother of Kenneth W. Haworth, Patricia Haworth and Paula Campbell; the dear sister of Matilda Terra, William (Frances) Gonsalves and Louis (Loraine) Gonsalves; and the devoted grandmother of five and great grandmother of six.

At Mary's request no services will he held. Private inurnment will be in Oroville District Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were handled by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

L. Frank Mann

L. Frank Mann passed away of natural causes on August 15, 2004 in his hometown of Greenville, West Virginia. He will be remembered at the first principal of James Marshall High School in West Sacramento and later as a consultant with the California State Department of Education.

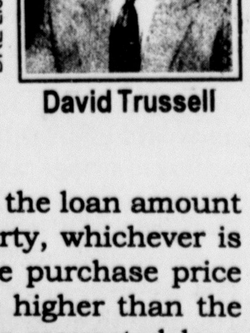
Leon Simmons

Leon Simmons was born on August 20, 1925 in Mississippi and passed away on August 2, 2004 in his home in West Sacramento. He was a 25 year resident of Yolo County and leaves no known relatives. He was buried in the San Joaquin National Cemetery.

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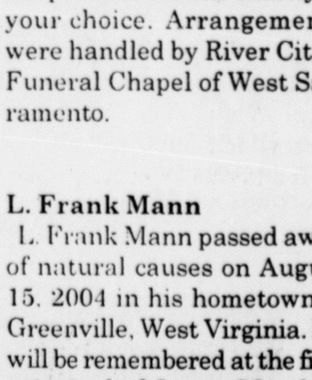

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The joy and anticipation of owning a new home are sometimes crushed when the application for mortgage financing is turned down by the lender. If your loan request has been denied, one of the possible reasons for rejection could be that the appraised value of the property is too low.

A primary factor considered by lenders is the ratio of the loan amount to the sale price or the appraised value of the property, whichever is lower. If the appraisal is substantially lower than the purchase price of the property, the loan-to-value ratio (LTV) may be higher than the lender can approve. A low appraisal may make your requested loan too large if you have applied for a maximum loan amount of 90 to 97 percent of the purchase price. Your alternatives in this situation will depend upon the reasons for the low appraised value.

If the purchase price is higher than the prevailing prices in the area, you can try to re-negotiate the price with the seller. If this is not possible and you really want the house, your only solution may be to accept a lower loan amount.

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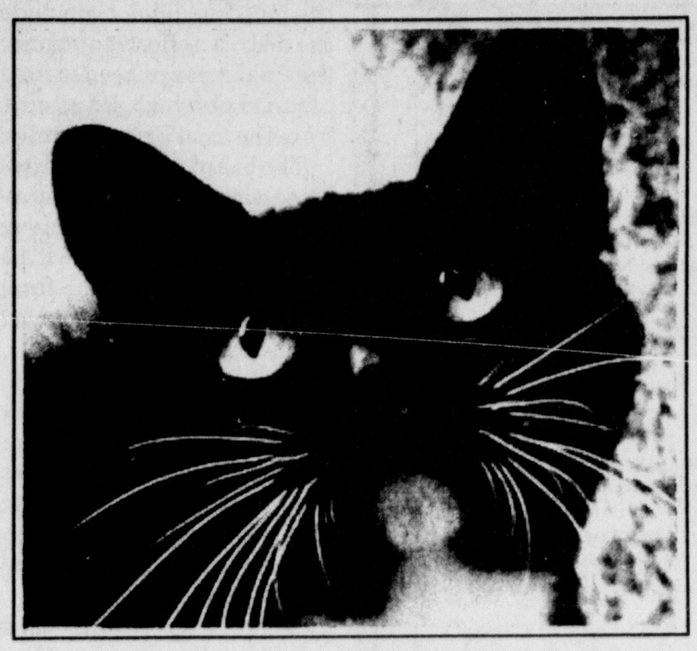
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Both animals await adoption at the Yolo County Animal Shelter, 2640 E. Gibson Rd. in Woodland. Call (530) 666-5287.

'Across the Bridge':

Events around the West Sac region

Daughters of American Revolution meet

The Sacramento Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on September 13th at noon at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard in Sacramento. Coffee, tea and punch will be provided. For more information about the group and the program call 967-9347 or 488-4189.

Volunteers needed

The El Dorado Woman's Center needs volunteers to work with the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Training begins September 8th. For more information, call Karen at 530-626-1450.

Singing lessons

Voice of the Valley Chorus, a Sweet Adelines women's chorus that sings 4-part barbershop style harmony is offering four weeks of free voice lessons beginning September 16th at the South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Road in Sacramento. For more information call 419-5373.

Zoo festival

On September 4th the Sacramento Zoo, located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park in Sacramento will host Where The Wild Kids Are, which will feature a host of fun events for kids and their parents. There will be live music, arts and crafts, animal stage shows and much more. For ticket information call 264-5888.

Genealogy society meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on September 15th at the Central Library, 828 I Street in Sacramento. The program will be "All you ever wanted to know about your library." Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

The Sound of Music

Capitol Opera of Sacramento will present The Sound of Music from September 17th to October 17th on Friday and Saturday nights at their theater located at 6219 Ross Avenue in Carmichael. Tickets for all performances are $12 general and $10 for students/seniors. For reservations and more information call 944-2149.

Crocker Museum exhibit

Mongolian Art: A Living Landscape will be on exhibit at the Crocker Art Museum, 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento, from July 31 to October 17, 2004. It is an illuminating survey of the life and art of Mongolia which has been home to nomadic peoples from ancient times to the present.

For information, call 264-5423.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name for the United Arab Emirates?
2. GOVERNMENT: How many votes in the Electoral College does the state of Florida have?
3. LITERATURE: Who published "Tom Jones" in 1749?
4. HISTORY: When was the Battle of Saratoga?
5. SCIENCE: What theory is promoted in the Ptolemaic System?
6. ANATOMY: Where would platelets most likely be found in the human body?
7. MOVIES: Which comedy team starred in the 1941 movie "Buck Privates"?
8. MUSIC: In what year did the Grand Old Opry debut on radio?
9. MEASUREMENTS: How many pints are in two quarts?
10. ECONOMICS: Who wrote the book "The Affluent Society"?

Answers

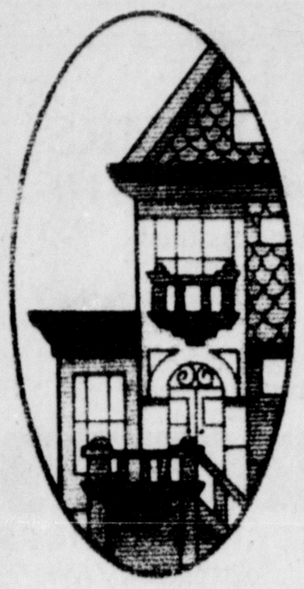
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2. 25
3. Henry Fielding
4. 1777
5. The Earth is the center of the universe
6. The blood
5. Abbott and Costello
8. 1925
9. Four pints
10. John Kenneth Galbraith

Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Which two members of the 2002 world-champion Anaheim Angels won Gold Gloves that season?
2. Name the two National League players since 1931 who, in separate seasons, hit 40 or more homers and won the NL batting title, but were not named the league's Most Valuable Player that year.
3. Jim Marshall has the longest NFL streak of consecutive games played, at 282. Who is No. 2 on the list?
4. Name the last NCAA men's basketball team to win the championship one year, then have a losing record the next one.
5. Name the only goaltender other than Patrick Roy to win the Conn Smythe trophy as the Stanley Cup Most Valuable Player more than once.
6. True or false: The first women's Olympic pole vault gold medal was won by an American.
7. Name the golfer who won the PGA Championship four consecutive times (1924-27).

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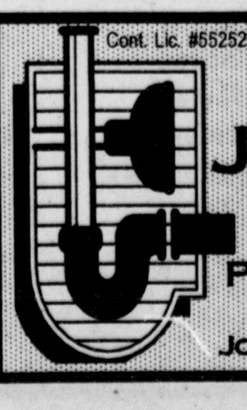
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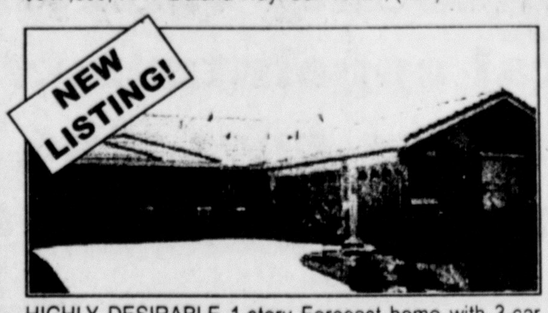
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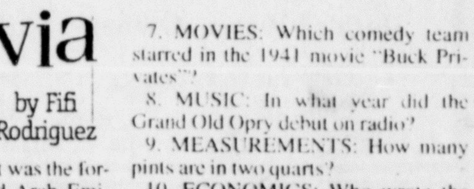


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AGENDAS
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the meeting did not conclude the district's efforts to acquire the final acreage needed for a planned new high school site, from the local Frugoli family.

The board will hold a regular session at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the civic center. Among the many agenda items will be a public hearing on the final environmental impact report for the new high school.

A presentation of the **Port of Sacramento Maritime Demand Analysis Report** will be made to the public from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, at the civic center. RSVP to 925-0130.

The port's governing board and West Sacramento City Council will hold a rare joint meeting at 6 p.m. on September 13 at city hall to discuss the same report. The report is part of a master-planning process for the troubled port, which is located in West Sacramento.



Strange BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• In a freak accident in Los Angeles, an unnamed man drowned in his car — while it was on dry land. His Volkswagen convertible hit a fire hydrant, causing an uncontrolled outpouring of water. Unfortunately, the blast of water caught the driver full in the face, and with such force that he was unable to breathe or escape.

• Before she became famous, pop star Sheryl Crow taught music to elementary-school students.

• That revered icon of the Western canon, Sir Isaac Newton, suffered from depression, and he had two nervous breakdowns in his life.

• It is still not known who observed: "We expect modern youth to be strong, courageous and prepared to pay more taxes than their fathers."

• Wild rice is actually an aquatic grass plant.

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Police log

Aug. 18, 9:57 a.m.

A 5th Street man reported not having seen his 87-year old neighbor in five days. An officer gained entry to the older man's apartment and found the man dead on the floor, probably of natural causes.

Aug. 18, 5 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight on 6th Street, and during a contact with one man, an officer saw him drop a bag of suspected drugs. He was arrested for possession of suspected methamphetamine. Another officer found a parolee in possession of a cigarette lighter that was a replica of a handgun, and the parolee was arrested.

Aug. 18, 11:08 p.m.

On the 1600-block of West Capitol Avenue, an officer contacted a 45-year old woman at a traffic stop. The officer noticed and asked her about a wadded up toilet paper bundle sticking out from the top of her shirt, and she said it contained "medicine." The officer asked if it was narcotics, and the woman nodded "yes." She gave a false name, but the officer found an ID card as well as cocaine base, marijuana, and a pipe. She had a warrant already for her arrest, and was jailed.

Aug. 19, 12:32 a.m.

An officer saw a vehicle traveling at high speed and weaving along Sacramento Avenue and Bryte Avenue. The vehicle was pulled over by the officer. The drive, under 21, admitted to having been drinking. The 21-year old failed a field sobriety test and measured 0.11 and 0.22 percent blood alcohol (0.08 is the maximum limit), and was arrested and given a notice to appear in court.

Aug. 19, 3:47 a.m.

On Poplar Avenue, a resident awoke to a noise from the garage and checked – in time to see a male suspect run out. Nothing was reported missing.

Aug. 19, 11:30 a.m.

A West Capitol Avenue business owner reported having worked on the nails of a female customer, who then said she had forgotten her money. The customer left a "credit card" and never returned with the money. The credit card turned out to be a bank membership card.

Aug. 20, 2:10 p.m.

An undercover officer separately contacted six men who appeared to be loitering for the purpose of soliciting prostitutes, and made deals with them for sex acts in exchange for money, then arrested them. The men reported addresses including West Sacramento, Mather, Martinez and Woodland.

Aug. 20, 3:30 p.m.

A 28-year old woman was arrested for attempting to cash a counterfeit check at a Sacramento Ave. business. She was in possession of several other counterfeit checks.

Aug. 20, 3:30 p.m.

A 24-year old woman in possession of a stolen car on the 900-block of Sacramento Ave. was arrested, as was her 34-year old male passenger.

Aug. 21, 10:45 a.m.

Two officers responded to a Lisbon Street address in response to a woman complaining of loud music from a neighbor. They determined the call was "unfounded," "along with the other 13 she had reported over the last nine months." Residents at the targeted address said they felt harassed by the police and by the woman.

Aug. 21, 11:50 a.m.

A woman reported a burglary at an Evergreen apartment. Gone were about 40 "Play Station" games and a DVD player.

Aug. 21, 11:33 p.m.

A man caused a disturbance after he was kicked out of a bar on the 3200-block of West Capitol Avenue. Police responded and arrested the man.

Aug. 22, 12:45 a.m.

An officer saw a car with a broken window parked near the Broderick Boat Ramp, and located a 28-year old woman near it. She had outstanding warrants and was arrested.

Aug. 22, 2:01 a.m.

An officer stopped a 39-year old man on bike for a vehicle code violation on the 600-block of West Capitol. The man consented to be searched, and amphetamine was found in his possession. He was booked.

Aug. 22, 3:31 a.m.

An officer contacted a 25-year old woman and her husband living in a mobilehome near the deep water channel. The woman had a Sacramento warrant and was arrested.

Aug. 22, 11 p.m.

An officer contacted an 18-year old female transient who appeared intoxicated and was yelling at a man. The woman was judged unfit to care for herself and had no place to go, and she was arrested for her own safety. She admitted to "sometimes" using crystal methamphetamine.

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Pastel Society show

The Pastel Society of the West Coast will hold its Membership Show in the ARTS Building, 808 Lincoln Way, in Auburn, CA from August 10th through September 9th. It will highlight the work of its members from all across the country and the show is open to the public with no fee. For more information, call 985-6023.

Historic cemetery tour

A historical guided tour of the Old City Cemetery at Broadway and 10th Street in Sacramento will be held on August 28th entitled Lawmen and Desperadoes.

The tour begin at 10 a.m. and is sponsored by the City of Sacramento Division of History and Science. It will last 90 minutes and is free of charge, although donations are accepted. For more information, call 448-0811.

Folsom quilting exhibit

The 24th Annual Antique Quilt and Vintage Clothing Show will be held from August 1 through September 30. This year's theme is "A Daughters Trousseau" highlighting the history of the double wedding ring quilt. The show will feature more than 40 antique quilts and accessories typical of a wedding and household trousseau.

The Folsom History Museum is located at 823 Sutter Street and will be open daily during August and September, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 985-2707.

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I can buy your house in 10 days for cash! Call Jim, (530) 902-7228.
04-#20

HELP WANTED

Lab Analyst/Sr-City of West Sacto. $2975-3616/mo; Sr: $3222-3917/mo. Req's min associate's + 2 yrs FT exper. Some exper. sub. for educ. For info, send SASE, indicating position to HR, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacto., CA 95691 or visit www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. FFD: 5pm, 9/17/04. NO POSTMARKS.
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HELP AVAILABLE

Do you need help around the house? Here I am! I clean, do laundry, and will even run errands for you. Reasonable rates. References available. Shirley, 371-9565.
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FREE CHILD CARE REFERRALS: Child Care Services offers free child care referrals to licensed family child care homes and child care centers. For referrals and other information, call (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.
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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Punishment before the trial

Several years ago, the city of Oakland, which was desperately trying to curtail a prostitution problem in its streets, did something un-American. The city adopted a policy of impounding the cars used by people arrested as suspected prostitution customers, and requiring them to pay to get their cars back.

The problem with this policy is that the only reason for seizing the car was to punish those being arrested – without even waiting for the "due process" of a day in court. Guilty or innocent, it was all the same. If you were accused, you lost your car (or your wife's or girlfriend's car, if you had borrowed it to drive to Oakland), and it was going to cost you time, money and humiliation to get the car back.

In the fight against crime – as in the fight against terrorism – it seems we Americans are often willing to ignore our own Constitutionally-protected liberties. The fight against terrorism features the same issues, only larger and more dangerous. If the Oakland police accuse you of soliciting a hooker, you are going to pay to get your car back. If the President of the United States declares you an enemy combatant, you could sit in jail a long time waiting to talk to a lawyer – in either case, without necessarily getting your day in court. You aren't entitled to your day in court because you are already declared "guilty."

Compared to either of these examples, one would be nitpicking to criticize a recently revived policy in West Sacramento. The local police are again encouraging the publication of the names of those arrested for soliciting prostitutes. The goal is similar to the goal of Oakland's city council – punish those arrested (never mind "convicted") in order to discourage others from coming here to buy a sex act.

Different newspapers have different policies on when to identify those arrested or convicted of a crime. At the News-Ledger, the names of those arrested for minor or less-newsworthy crimes are seldom printed, especially before they are convicted in court. If the crimes aren't major or newsworthy enough, why traumatize minor offenders and their families, especially if they may not be guilty?

Changing that policy to make an exception for suspected "johns" doesn't seem like a good idea. Why single out these men for humiliation, when some of them may even be innocent? Let's at least take the trouble to convict them first.

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Latest annoying scam:

The News-Ledger has received several faxes lately representing a rather despicable practice.

The faxed page offers up a chance to vote "yes" or "no" on some divisive issue, and urges you to check the appropriate box and fax it back to them to "vote." In this case, the question was whether marriage ought to be restricted to just "a man and a woman." The fax sender promise to forward their poll's results to various government officials – an act which would probably take them less than five minutes to do by e-mail, and will likely (and correctly) be ignored by the officials.

But before you sound off and hit the "send" button on your fax, take the trouble to read the fine print. You'll learn that returning your "vote" to them will cost $3.95 per minute of fax transmission, and the transmission will probably take up to two minutes (eight bucks). In other words, it's not about democracy, it's about turning a quick buck from gullible but opinionated people.

If only there was a way to charge them eight bucks for faxing us in the first place.

Letters to the Editor

The good and bad of Park Boulevard changes

While criticism of the new puzzle-like concrete island barrier maze on Park Boulevard is warranted, it is not for the paving work. The paving is great and a welcome relief. We at least now have a smooth respectable road surface. All that is needed is a redesign of the concrete monstrosity at Fallbrook and Park, and a little streamlining of the barrier at 15th and Park to facilitate right turns from Westacre Road.

I congratulate the city for making Park Boulevard nice, smooth and quiet, but not for the barrier designs.

M. IORNS
West Sacramento

The changes in Park Blvd.'s traffic pattern have not worked out to the best for everybody.

Photo by Lou Watson



Park Boulevard is now a maze

As we approach Park Boulevard the sign tells us "This project is your tax dollars at work". That really is painful to read. Talk to the taxpayers. I have asked many neighbors how they feel about this project. The response is usually "It is terrible". Those bike lanes are so ridiculous. I have lived here over 50 years and the number of bikes in the area is minimal at best!

Park Boulevard is the most confusing array of lines, colors, and barriers ever created. I thought the round-abouts in Sacramento were bad, but Park Boulevard takes the prize.

The reason all of this took place was to make the boulevard safer. It now appears to be so confusing that safety has been lost. Perhaps the first bad accident will prove that fact (we have already had a few minor ones). The Fallbrook/Park Boulevard area is a maze. It is almost impossible to know what direction should be taken. Why, oh why did you do this?

The only ones happy with this zoo must be the contractors who did the work. They were paid a great deal of money to provide us with a complicated, dangerous puzzle.

To those responsible for all of this, here is one taxpayer who does not thank you!

LUCILLE POPE
West Sacramento

Please see LETTERS, p. 11

Thanks

On August 6, 2004 the annual Race for the Arts took place and this year $585 was raised to support the activities of the West Sacramento Art Guild. I want to thank all those community members who pledged, making this donation to the art guild possible.

LANA PAULHAMUS, Commissioner
Arts, Culture and Historical Preservation Commission

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 11, 2004
File No. 2004-790

The following person is doing business as Three Feathers; Three Feathers Guest Ranch; Three Feathers Bed & Breakfast, 18960 County Road 75A:

Rumsey Indian Rancheria, PO Box 18, Brooks CA 95606.

This business is conducted by a Government (tribal).

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 5, 2004.

/s/Paula Lorenzo

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Aug 11, 2004
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed July 22, 2004
File No. 2004-734

The following person is doing business as Mary's Garden Help, 1412 Chestnut Place, Davis CA 95616:

Mary R. Klein and Kevin M. Klein, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2004.

/s/Mary R. Klein
/s/Kevin M. Klein

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: July 22, 2004
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a public hearing on Monday, September 13, 2004 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers in the Erwin Meier Administration Center at 625 Court Street, Woodland, California to consider the proposed County of Yolo budget for fiscal year 2004-2005.

In addition to the September 13 hearing date, the Board has reserved September 14 and 15 for this public hearing. Accordingly, the public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors on a day-to-day basis until such time as all deliberations are complete and the Board has taken the appropriate action on the proposed budget.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the office of the County Administrator no later than Friday, September 3, 2004. The County Administrator's Office is located at 625 Court Street, Room 202, Woodland, California.

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting.

Date: August 18, 2004
PATRICIA CRITTENDEN, Clerk of
The Board of Supervisors
By: Ana Morales, Deputy

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on September 8, 2004 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. On the proposed use of Block Grant funds from the Department of Justice, Local Law Enforcement block Grant Program; and approval of the funds as proposed.

Aug 25

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND PRICE QUOTE

The City of West Sacramento, Department of Public Works, is requesting proposals and price quotes to perform sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs at various public and private properties throughout the City. If your company is interested and would like a copy of the Scope of Work, please contact Greg Fabun, Deputy Director, at (916) 617-4850. Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2004, at 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Aug 25

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 6, 2004
File No. 2004-780

The following person is doing business as Aqua Boys Marine, 528 Galveston Street #A, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Teofil Iorga, 416 Chaparral Way, West Sacramento CA 95691; Daniel E. Leon, 6853 Buena Terra Way, Sacramento CA 95831.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug 2, 2004.

/s/Teofil Iorga & Daniel E. Leon

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Aug 6, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

Aug 18 – Sep 8

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of NIA ANNALYSE-DRISTINE GARCIA, Minor.
NO. JV-04-00129
CITATION

TO: Jesus Garcia and All Persons Claiming To Be The Father.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on September 22, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Kristine Bracy on March 23, 2004. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 7-1-2004
/s/JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 beginning at 9:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland, California. The purpose of this hearing is to consider amendments to the Master Fee Resolution for fiscal year 2004-2005 to include fees for Yolo County Probation Department Investigation Fees under Penal Code 1203.4. To the extent required by Government Code Section 66016, data is available indicating the amount of cost, or estimated cost, required to provide the services for which the fees are charged.

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and provide any comments that they believe are appropriate. Written comments may be mailed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 625 Court St., Room 204, Woodland, CA 95695. Written comments should be mailed so that they are received by September 3, 2004.

Dated: August 16, 2004
PATTY CRITTENDEN
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: Ana Morales, Deputy

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File No. 2004-773
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ADVANCE AMERICA / ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS, 1780 East Main Street, Suite 400, Woodland, CA 95776

Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of California, LLC, Delaware, (LLC 200026510070 (CA)), 135 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

SIGNED: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, By: William M. Webster, IV, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 4, 2004.

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 11, 2004
File No. 2004-792

The following person is doing business as FJS Consulting, 607 G Street, Davis CA 95616:

Frederick J. Sundstrom, 3401 Cutter Pl., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 22, 2004.

/s/Frederick J. Sundstrom

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Aug 11, 2004
by: /s/Carol Grein, Deputy Clerk

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ORDINANCE SUMMARIES

At their regular meeting on September 1, 2004, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 04-14 amending Chapter 1.08 of the Municipal Code titled Appeal and Haring Procedure; and Ordinance 04-15 amending Sections 2.20.010 through 2.20.130 of the Municipal Code concerning appointments to boards and commissions with a directly elected mayor.

Aug 25

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Salt is the policeman of taste; it keeps the various flavors of a dish in order and restrains the strongest from tyrannizing the weaker.
—M. Chazal

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The best fame is a writer's fame: It's enough to get a table at a good restaurant, but not enough that you get interrupted when you eat.
—Fran Lebowitz

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The song of the warbler, joyful at his release, has drawn forth the cry of many birds.
—Nomura Motoni

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Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona. Not all holes, or games, are created equal.
—George F. Will

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PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



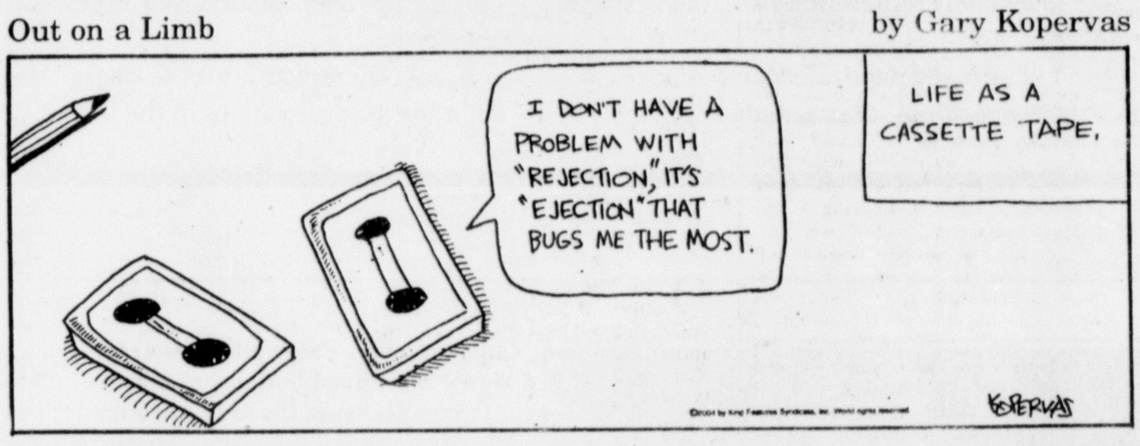
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by Dave Phipps

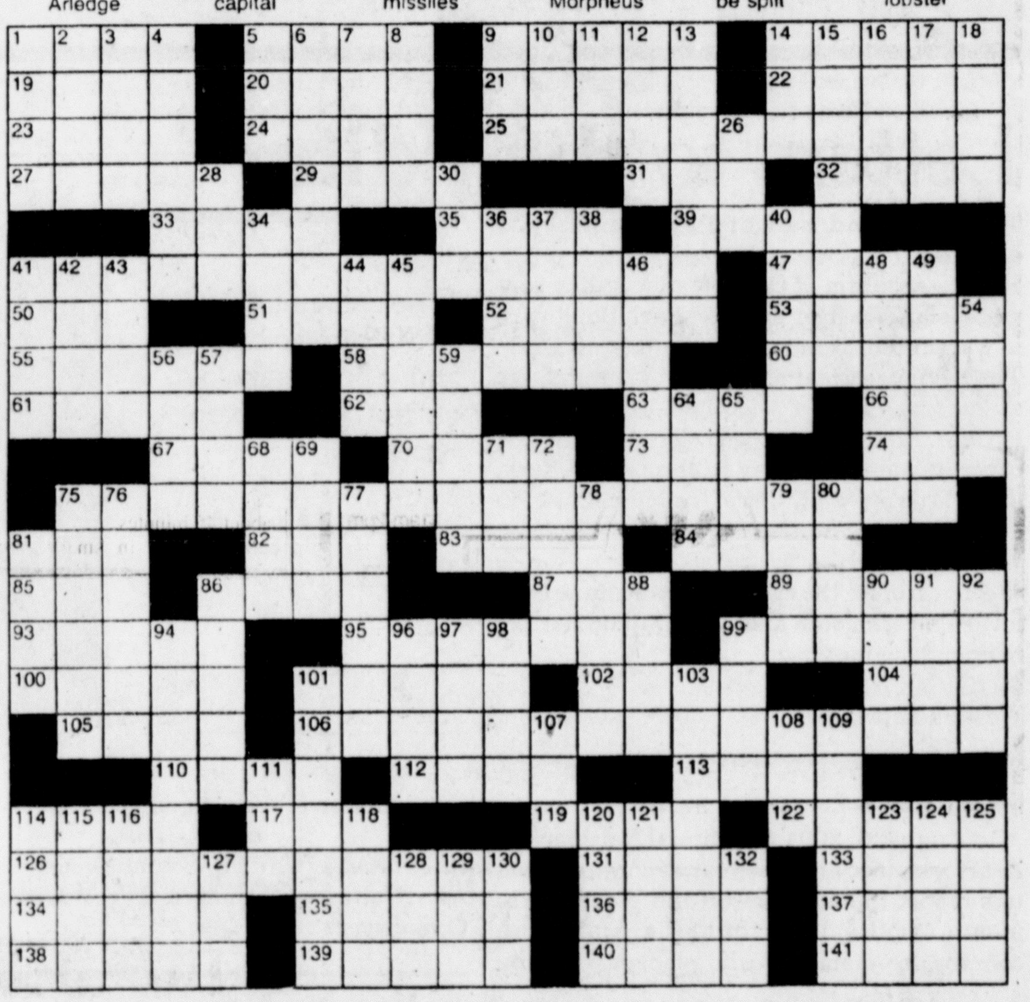




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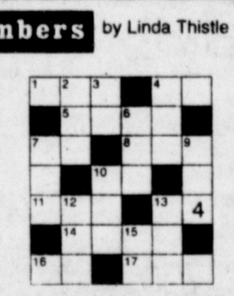
Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS
1. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
4. The last digit is two times the first digit
5. 17-Across plus 9-Down
7. Three less than 3-Down
8. 4-Across plus 10-Down
10. Same digit repeated
11. Consecutive digits in ascending order
13. Consecutive even digits in ascending order
14. Digits of 5-Across reversed
16. Three more than 13-Across
17. Two more than 7-Down

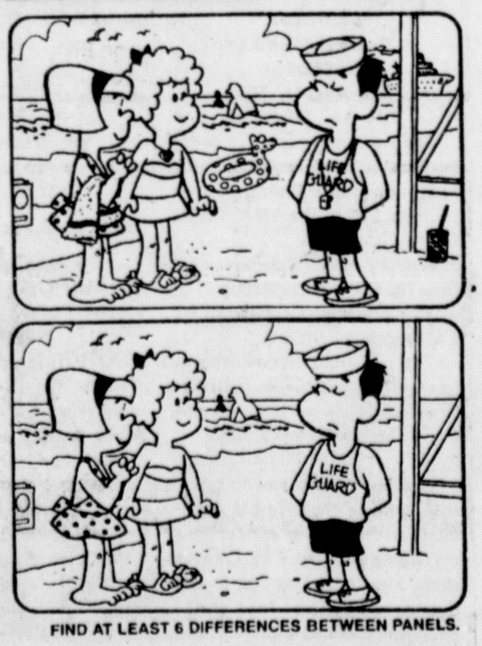
DOWN
2. Eight more than 13-Down
3. The first digit is four times the last digit
4. 8-Across plus 13-Down
6. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
7. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
9. Two hundred more than 1-Across
10. Four times 7-Across
12. 11-Across plus 10-Down
13. One less than 6-Down
15. The last digit is three times the first digit



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

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A Y W U R N P A C E S N L J H
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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B	M	O	I	O	R	R	I	P	I	I	E	N
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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.NA Smith

"Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle"

Running time: 90 minutes
MPAA rating: R

Who'da thought that Danny Leiner, director of "Dude, Where's My Car?" could actually make a funny, hip and subversively educational movie? I didn't, but the boy actually went and made one.

"Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" is all the things listed above and features great performances by John Cho (Harold) and Kal Penn (Kumar), the titular duo who, while in the throes of a stoner munchies attack, embark on a quest for one thing, and one thing only: A bag of Sliders from White Castle.

Their quest leads them on a 45-mile trek through the asphalt wilds of The Garden State, where they encounter racist cops, a killer raccoon, a trucker who wants the boys to have sex with his voluptuous wife, and an Ecstasy-crazed Neil Patrick Harris (TV's Doogie Houser), who gets off on licking the leather upholstery in their car and eventually steals the vehicle at a gas stop.

To say this film is loaded with drug references and puerile humor is an understatement. And yet there is a cunningly subversive theme in this movie.

The stars play an Indian American and an Asian American, and throughout the film they encounter racism or experience stereotypically ignorant attitudes. Yet, they don't Fight the Power. For Harold and Kumar, this is just another day in America. They shrug it off.

And for their part, all the Anglos they meet are just as stereotypically



Kal Penn, John Cho

weird to them. In a cosmically stupid way, it all seems to fit. We each belong to a group, and from the outside our group seems strange to you, and your group is just as weird and creepy to us.

Yeah. That works for me. There's nothing like using Stoner Logic to grasp The Big Picture. Now toss me another Slider and explain again how our universe could be an atom in the thumbnail of a larger being.

GRADE: B

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

VEGETABLES GO BACK TO THEIR ROOTS

To paraphrase an old saying, man (and woman) does not live by meat alone, though that's what you'd think as you view outdoor meals. Nutrition and healthy meals don't take vacations.

Too often root vegetables are ignored—except for potatoes, which are usually in a salad bowl drenched with dressing.

To bring them to the table more often, Chef John Taylor created a colorful mix with an exciting dressing, cooked in one pan. Taylor is executive chef of Wild Oats Natural Marketplace, a chain of 104 stores in 24 states and British Columbia, which specializes in natural and organic foods. In addition to groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables, there are ready-to-eat dishes that can be eaten in-store or taken out.

Taylor's roasted veggies can be shoved into the oven hours ahead and reheated at serving time. They're brightly herbed and finished off with a balsamic vinegar-maple syrup reduction.

MAPLE ROASTED ROOT VEGGIES

- *1 1/2 pounds small red potatoes, unpeeled*
- *1 1/2 pounds large carrots*
- *1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes*
- *3/4 pound yellow onions*
- *3/4 pound turnips*
- *6 tablespoons canola oil*
- *2 teaspoons sea salt*
- *2 teaspoons ground black pepper*
- *1 1/2 tablespoons herbs de Provence*
- *1 cup maple syrup*
- *1/4 cup balsamic vinegar*

Preheat oven to 350 F. Wash potatoes and leave skins on. Cut into quarters or eighths, depending on size. Peel carrots, sweet potatoes, onions and turnips. Cut into chunks about the same size as potato pieces. Place in roast pan. Toss vegetables with oil, salt, pepper and herbs. Roast until vegetables start to soften, about 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan, combine maple syrup and vinegar. Bring to simmer and cook till reduced to half. Pour mixture over almost-cooked vegetables and toss gently to coat. Cook an additional 10 minutes or until vegetables are fork tender. Makes 8 to 10 side dishes.



FOOD FANS: Want a real gourmet weekend? Want to dine, wine, learn, have lots of tastings, fine breakfasts, lunches and dinners, and be entertained? Register for the second Gourmet Institute in Times Square, New York City, Oct. 22 to 24. Go behind the scenes at Gourmet magazine, tour its kitchens, meet editor-in-chief Ruth Reichl and executive chef Sara Moulton, seen once or twice daily on Food Network. She worked with Julia Child on PBS and is currently food editor of ABC TV's "Good Morning America." With many honors under her toque, she is one of at least 35 celebrity chefs who will conduct seminars and demonstrations.

Registration fee of $1,295 includes a gala kickoff at the Rainbow Room on Friday night with entertainment; on Saturday, breakfast and lunch, dinner at one of five top restaurants and four seminar/demonstrations; on Sunday, breakfast and lunch, four seminar/demonstrations, wine and spirits tastings. You will also have access to The Good Living Travel Pavilion at the Millenium all weekend.

For more details or to register, log on to www.gourmetinstitute.com or call 1-888-308-6133. Registration fee does not include transportation or hotel, but the Millenium Broadway has special rates. Call the hotel directly at 1-800-622-5569 or 1-212-768-4400 and mention The Gourmet Institute, Booking Number 31989.

If you're there on Thursday night you are invited to attend a radio broadcast of The Splendid Table at the Museum of Television and Radio at 25 West 52nd Street, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with arrival at 6:45. Admission is free, but you must call 1-800-537-5252 for reservations.

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q. Please explain how Fox plans to run another season of "24" if they fired everyone in the cast? — *Jessica P.*

A. Ah, but the wily Fox-folk did not fire Kiefer Sutherland. He will continue to play Jack Bauer for the fourth season. The network also announced it has cast Jack's new love interest, who will be played by Kim Raver, previously on "Third Watch."

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Q. How much money did Whoopi Goldberg lose when that diet company fired her for making what they said were lewd remarks about President George W. Bush? Also, can she claim her right to "freedom of speech" to get her job back? — *Cory Ann H.*

A. According to sources for Whoopi Goldberg, the contract with Slim-Fast would have eventually put several million dollars into her bank account if it had run its course.

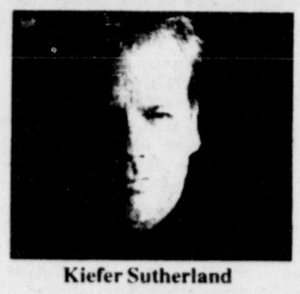
As for your second point, many performers sign contracts that contain clauses involving their off-work lives. For example, most series stars are not permitted to take part in dangerous sports during the run of the show. Or, in the case of product representation, celebrities are not supposed to do anything that would impact badly on the product's image, which, apparently, is what the company felt Goldberg did.

If she did indeed sign a contract with this restrictive clause, there's probably no way she can overturn her dismissal. Also remember that freedom of speech is protected from government — not private — interference.

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Q. On "Blue Collar TV," please advise if Jeff Foxworthy is: 1) married; 2) really is from the South; and 3) will have his show renewed? (I know it's a limited run on the WB.) — *Gena H.*

A. 1) Foxworthy is married and a dad. 2) He is from southern Georgia, which he calls "the heart of the true South." 3) As of now, there's no word if the show will be extended for another run. The WB would probably like to see that happen, since it's proving to be a phenomenal hit. But Hollywood sources say Foxworthy and his fellow performers, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy, might want to go back to their successful touring venues.


Kiefer Sutherland

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Q. On the show "The People's Court," I detect a slight accent when the judge (Marilyn Milian) speaks. Is it European or what? Also, where is the show done, and wasn't Judge Judy (Sheindlin) on that program once? — *Rita H.*

A. Judge Marilyn Milian's accent reflects a trace of her Cuban roots. The show is produced in New York City, which means Judge Milian has to commute from her home in Miami to the New York studio.

Judge Judy has always had her own on-air courtroom. However, her husband, Judge Jerry Sheindlin (who, like judges Judy and Milian, is also a former sitting judge), once sat on "The People's Court" bench.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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After enough time has passed, all memories are beautiful.
—August Strindberg

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Never itch for anything you aren't willing to scratch for.
—Ivern Ball

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Books

The Ticket Out — Darryl Strawberry and the Boys of Crenshaw
by Michael Sokolove
(Simon & Schuster, $24.95)
Reviewed by Chris Richcreek

A version of the saying "the ends justify the means" can be applied to Michael Sokolove's "The Ticket Out," for the end of his book justifies the reality of the previous 272 pages.

The book focuses on the 1979 Crenshaw High School Cougars baseball team, which featured future major-league players Darryl Strawberry and Chris Brown. The squad was called by some observers the "greatest high school team ever," but, in a harbinger of things to come for the players on that team, the Cougars failed to reach their goal of winning the Los Angeles city championship. And that's where the real story begins.

What baseball represented for the players was the "ticket out," the chance to get famous and leave behind lives mostly based in poor economic conditions. The story of Strawberry is well-known — a phenom who went on to a major-league career notched equally for home runs and substance abuse.

Then there are the tales of the other players, the teammates whose lives proceeded mostly away from sports, although nearly all of them were drafted into pro ball. Some journeyed aimlessly or even went to prison, while others forged careers and did all right. However, most of them can't forget their baseball days — and some are still upset at Strawberry for wasting chances they didn't get. Yet Sokolove also notes that almost all of the players — now around 40 years old — use the word "blessed" to describe their current status.

The truly sad part, though, occurs at the end of the book, when Sokolove is watching a more recent Crenshaw team. A parent sees his son lash a hit and says the child is "gonna get me out of the ghetto." It emphasizes that Sokolove's story is an age-old one of how athletics exists as a ticket out, but so few actually cash that ticket in.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation With Ellen DeGeneres

The Daytime Emmy Award-winning "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" returns Sept. 6 for its second season, with host Ellen DeGeneres promising "more of whatever it was I did last year that you all appeared to like, and that includes my dancing." Also back for his second year is the show's resident disk jockey, Tony Okungbowa.

DeGeneres brings to the show more than 20 years of experience as a stand-up comedian, actor, Emmy Award-winning writer and host of major award shows, including the Emmys and the Grammys. Among her more recent credits are her critically acclaimed performance as Dory in the animated film "Finding Nemo," and the publication of her second best seller, "The Funny Thing Is..."

"The Ellen DeGeneres Show" airs daily in syndication, as well as on the NBC O&Os (Owned and Operated) Television Stations Group, and can also be seen on the Oxygen network.

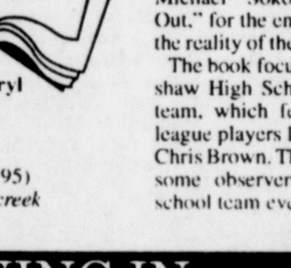
Two questions come to mind when chatting with Ellen DeGeneres: First, why does she describe her show as a negative-free zone, and second, why the dancing?

"It's a negative-free zone," DeGeneres says, "because for one hour in the course of a day people can enjoy a positive experience. A respite, if you will, from all the coverage you'll get about the not-so-positive things that are happening in the world.

"What we're trying to do (with the show) is make everyone feel the way one person described it to me when she said the show gets her smiling when it comes on and leaves her smiling when it ends and then all the negative news starts to come in."

As for the dancing, DeGeneres says, "At first it was something I just did one day after the monologue. I decided that I would dance my way over to my desk and get ready to introduce my first guest. It felt good, and the audience loved it. So I did it again, and again, and it felt good and the audience loved it, and now it's a part of the show."

I reminded DeGeneres that before the show debuted last year, she took part in a news conference in which a reporter cited the high mortality rate of talk shows in recent years, and asked her if she was prepared to join the long list of failed talkers. She said she wasn't. "I never go into anything prepared to fail," she said. "When I do something it's because I believe in it."


"The Ellen DeGeneres Show"
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DeGeneres doesn't feel that this proves she was right and the detractors wrong. Rather, she says, it shows that working hard at what one believes in raises the odds that others will see it your way as well.

Over the past year, DeGeneres' guests have included many of the top entertainers working today, from Jennifer Aniston to Sir Elton John to Charlize Theron, etc., etc. She also brings people from the audience on stage for special segments.

"Whether they're celebrities or your next-door neighbor, everyone has something interesting to say," DeGeneres says.

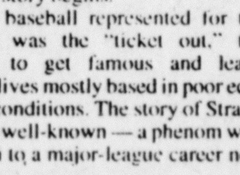
As for her much-written-about and admired ability to get people to open up to her, DeGeneres says, "If people feel you're genuinely interested in hearing what they have to say, they'll talk to you. And I'm interested because I find people interesting. It's as simple as that."

Finally, I asked her about a comment she reportedly made about mounting stuffed animals on a wall. "Oh yeah," she said. "I had been told by people who do this that it's because the animals are so beautiful. Well, my mother is beautiful, but I think it's enough just to hang her photographs."

In Focus

"Rescue Me," the new series on FX, offers a brilliant insight into the lives of the people who serve with Engine 62 of the New York City Fire Department. Among the series' stars is **Jack McGee** ("Five Corners"), who was a New York City firefighter before becoming an actor. He plays the seasoned veteran Chief Jerry Riley.

"I was a firefighter for 10 years," McGee says. "And I saw it all, from the wonderful experiences of marching on Fifth Avenue every St. Paddy's Day to


Jack McGee

rescuing people who might have died if we hadn't gotten to them, and sometimes comforting people because their loved ones were beyond helping."

McGee says Sept. 11, 2001 deeply affected the lives of every firefighter. "We lost a lot of our brothers that day. Many of them died because they walked into the buildings knowing what could happen to them. But they had a calling to save lives even if it meant losing their own."

The show is filmed in Long Island City, a neighborhood in the Queens section of New York. McGee, who lives with his wife, **Stephanie Klein**, and their three dogs and a cat in Los Angeles these days, says, "It's great being back on the streets of New York, and maybe I'll be able to take in a (New York) Rangers game while we're here."

DIAL TONES: **John Laroquette** ("Happy Family") stars in "Wedding Daze," airing Sept. 6 on the Hallmark Channel. He'll also star in the upcoming Hallmark mystery movie "McBride," scheduled to air in January 2005. It will be the first of a series of McBride films.

Shannen Doherty ("Fear Factor") has joined "North Shore" as Alexandra Hudson, Nicole's (**Brooke Burns**) long-lost half-sister. She debuts Sept. 20.

Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Sept. 3, 1777,** the American flag is flown in battle for the first time, during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch's Bridge, Maryland. Patriot Gen. William Maxwell ordered the Stars and Stripes banner raised as a detachment of his infantry and cavalry met an advance guard of British and Hessian troops.

• On **Aug. 31, 1888,** prostitute Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered and mutilated. The East End of London saw four more victims of the murderer during the next few months, but no suspect was ever found.

• On **Sept. 1, 1939,** some 1.5 million German troops invade Poland along its 1,750-mile border with German-controlled territory. Nazi leader Adolf Hitler claimed it was a defensive action, but Britain and France were not convinced and declared war on Germany, initiating World War II.

• On **Sept. 2, 1946,** Eugene O'Neill's play "The Iceman Cometh," about desperate tavern bums clinging to illusion as a remedy for despair, opens on Broadway. Many critics hailed the play as O'Neill's finest work.

• On **Sept. 4, 1972,** U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins his seventh gold medal at the Summer Olympics in Munich, swimming the fly leg of the 400-meter medley relay. No other athlete has won so many gold medals at a single Olympiad.

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LOCAL ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 2 feet 1 inch U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge yesterday. The condition of the water intake for Sacramento is in anything but safe condition, because with the incoming tide all debris falling from the fruit and steamer sheds is washed up stream to the intake. The current at the bank of the river is nearly always up stream, hence this debris is liable to clog the intake at any time, and in addition soiled water is sucked into the mains for household consumption.

Jack Allerton is becoming known to many of his Washington friends as "Gasoline Johnnie." He claims to have a formula which is now being patented for the making of a substance that can be used as a substitute for gasoline and is so cheap that its cost is only about 4 cents per gallon when manufactured in quantities. To all appearances the formula consists of water, salt and some secret powder that is easily obtained. He claims to be using the materal in his Ford automobile instead of gasoline and demonstrated to several of his friends a few evenings ago the extraordinary pulling power of the substance by taking eight men up the incline of the S. P. bridge. It is known to many who have kept tab on him that he has not bought gasoline for his car for several weeks, and yet the car is in almost constant use, for Mrs. Allerton uses it on little trips to Sacramento and around Washington. Allerton is anxious to hold his secret from the big oil companies, but wishes to give every private owner of a car the benefit of his discovery. It is reported that Constable Buckingham will use the substance when his supply tank becomes empty and several interested car owners are waiting for the demonstration.

B. C. Smith and son are at home after a short visit in Stockton last Sunday.

C. A. Kiff has taken a position with the Sacramento Northern that will cause him to spend much of his time in Marysville and Colusa. His family will remain in Washington for the time being.

George Newton and family went to Santa Cruz yesterday morning where Mrs. Newton and the children will remain for two weeks. He will return to his work with the Southern Pacific Company.

Mrs. C. Howard has been seriously sick during the past week, but was considerably improved yesterday.

Mrs. P. O. Van Deren and Mrs. Ward Pagnello went to Vallejo last Monday to visit friends. They returned that evening, leaving Dorothy at the ship building town.

E. Moss is at Santa Cruz for his summer vacation. He left last Sunday accompanied by W. Breuner of Sacrametno. Clarence Woods is taking his place in the Washington Meat Market during his absence.

Romeo Barry, Jr., is expected up from Mare Island to spend Sunday and Monday with his parents in Washington.

Last Wednesday Lloyd Owens, colored, was arrested on complaint of Willard Pankost for stealing a fire extinguisher from the premises of the Pankost fishery. In broad daylight he was carrying the extinguisher across the bridge and claimed he found it. Judge Barry discharged him and told him to get out of town.

Mrs. C. Pope was a visitor at the Leinberger residence yesterday from Sacramento.

Last Wednesday Supervisor Leinberger and his nephew Walter went to Reno to witness a Rodeo there during the 3d, 4th and 5th of July. They expect to purchase several carloads of stock during their absence

A. Brietzke received a check a few days ago for a splendid crop of barley grown on his ranch near Stockton. The crop averaged thirty sacks to the acre, returning a splendid profit. Next Tuesday he and his family will leave for Salem, Oregon, on an auto trip that will cover several points in the Northwest, including Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

a visitor at the Hansen home from Yesterday Mrs. W. Richards was

Word was received in Washington yesterday morning of the marriage of T. Limnel to Mrs. M. Murphy of Nevada City. Lately Tom has been making frequent trips to the mountain town and friends intimated that there was something out of the ordinary going on. Mr. and Mrs. Limnell will make their future home in Woodland, but will be visitors in Washington often.

Washington House has been opened by Joe Beltrami as a soft drink place, and when the Hansen family moves out in a few days the Beltrami family will move in. Beltrami has been in business in Sacramento and intends to make the Washington House popular with some of those Italian dinners that delight the pallate of good livers.

Yesterday morning a baby boy was born to Mrs. Howard H. Lee at their home in Riverbank. There is much rejoicing in the Lee household, especially because mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mrs. A. A. Dassonville and daughter, Helen, have gone to San Francisco, where they will visit relatives.

George Thomas has been confined to his home because of a painful bruise and infection on the hand, received while at work hauling wood.

A group of Washington residents were among the guests at a party given last night at the home of Cliff Hanson in Sacramento. They were: Misses Marie Peterson, Minnie Roberts, Pearl Moser, Messrs. Howard White, Blair Manchester, Lowell Russell and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. William Norton and son left this week for a vacation, which will be spent at Seabright. Miss Doris Norton will join them at the summer resort at the end of the week.

Miss Leona Williams is a guest of Mrs. Allan Merkley at the Merkley ranch near Washington.

For failure to pay $10 in wages to E. H. Hulbert, George Borchers was before the Police Court in Sacramento yesterday but the case against him was dismissed because the offense happened in Yolo County.

Charles Morrison pleaded guilty last Tuesday to a charge of vagrancy in Judge Barry's Court and was sentenced to serve sixty days' sentence in the County Jail. Morrison was arrested by Constable H. B. Buckingham when he told varying stories about the ownership of several chickens which he was carrying in a sack.

Mrs. H. M. Eugene has returned from San Leandro after visiting with relatives.

Miss Ethel Cook has returned from a visit of several days with her aunt, Mrs. C. J. Ford at the home of the latter in Roseville.

James Baglin and family have returned from San Jose where they attended the wedding of Miss Melda Baglin to Jack Moitoza.

Clarence Moser, after a visit of a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moser, has returned to Natomas.

Ray Russell and A. Block came down last Tuesday from Lake Tahoe where they have been spending several weeks. Block will return in the near future accompanied by his three daughters.

Mrs. Carl Andrews and son of Oakland are visiting at the home of Mrs. Andrews' sister, Mrs. B. Robben.

Miss Helen Holt and Miss Essil White have returned after a week's visit at Yosemite Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mache of Valley Ford and Mr. and Mrs. H. Du Four of Vallejo were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee, parents of Mrs. Mache and Mrs. Du Four.

The American Express Company gave a barge excursion for its employes last Saturday night. The barges, bearing some 300 people, employes of the company, friends and relatives, were towed downstream by the tug Pankost, and then towed upstream as far as the mouth of the American River, at which point the Pankost struck a sandbar. The P. A. Hart boat towed the merrymakers in. The Pankost barge was floated at high tide Sunday morning.

Frank Buckingham was a visitor last week with his parents, Constable and Mrs. H. H. Buckingham. Buckingham is a member of the crew of a vessel which is stationed at San Diego but which was brought to Mare Island for repairs.

Miss Marie Peterson was the guest of honor Saturday evening at a shower given by her aunt, Mrs. G. Hatch, at the home of the latter in Sacramento. A number of guests from Sacramento were present at the affair. The wedding of Miss Peterson to F. L. White, Jr., will take place September 19th.

At a special meeing of the Parent-Teacher Asociation last Friday, the year's work was reviewed, which indicated that from a financial point of view the last year was the most successful in the history of the organization. Traveling rings have been purchased for the playground and there are still funds in both the general and playground funds.

NO TRACE OF BANDIT WHO ROBBED TRAIN NEAR MIKON

Last Sunday night while the Atlantic Express on the Southern Pacific was making its way eastward from Davis to Sacramento, a bandit climed on the rear car and proceeded to hold up all passengers he came across.

The conductor and brakeman were in the front end of the train and knew nothing of what was going on until the train was approaching Sacramento and slowed up for the railroad crossing at Mikon.

It was then that Conductor Muldowney went towards the rear end of the train and discovered what was going on with the rear brakeman held by the bandit at the point of a revolver.

The conductor immediately gave the alarm and the bandit started for the vestibule door between the observation car and the rear sleeper.

Just as the robber was about to jump from the train when it slowed up Albert Ruddell a passenger started firing at him and believed that he had shot the man.

Immediate report was made to the Sacramento authorities on the arrival of the train and a posse went after the criminal.

Although a good description was furnished by several passengers, not a sign of him has been found since the robbery.

The sheriffs of Sacramento and Yolo counties have combed the entire distance between Washington and Davis yet not a trace of the man, dead or alive has been found.

It is estimated that he got away with not less than a thousand dollars in money and in valuables from twenty-five or thirty passengers.

A day or two ago people were shocked by the announcement that two stills were found in the home of a society woman in that puritanical town called **Berkeley.**

Only last night two stills were found out on the Jackson road near Sacramento.

And we have prohibition, too.

ANNIS THOMAS A BENEDICT, MARRIED IN SAN JOSE

Just before going to press word comes to The Independent that yesterday, July 1st, Annis Thomas took the final leap to end bachelor life.

During many moons there have been rumors that Annis was, at last, a victim of the little god and now confirmation is at hand.

He was married in San Jose, Thursday, July 1st, to Miss Henrietta Carstan of Latrobe. Mr. Thomas was raised and is well known in Yolo County and is foreman for the S. P. Co. Store Department No. 9 and a member of Sunset Parlor, No. 26, N. S. G. W. Miss Carstan is a native of Latrobe and is well known in El Dorado County.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will spend their honeymoon in Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash., and Vancouver, B. C., and on their return will make their home in Washington.

GOOD WORK DONE BY RIVERBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

An exploding firecracker was responsible Saturday for the burning of nearly twenty-five acres of grain near Riverbank, belonging to G. C. Simmons, rancher of the river district.

The fire was fanned rapidly by the north wind.

Through the use of fire extinguishers by the Riverbank Volunteer Firemen about a third of the field of grain was saved. Simmons had engaged a crew of harvesters, who were to have begun harvesting the crop on Monday. There was no insurance on the grain.

WASHINGTON RENTS ARE BEING RAISED SLIGHTLY

Extremely low rentals have been the order in Washington for several years past, and at this writing there isn't a house in town for rent, but that condition cannot continue much longer.

As a matter of fact rents of several houses have already been raised so that the owners may secure fair dividends from their investments.

During the past week all the houses rented by the O'Connor and Harbinson estates have been raised slightly, with the probability that further raises will come in the near future.

There is a wonderful opportunity for some capitalist to build many cottages in Washington and secure dividends from the investment.

Home owners are particularly fortunate for it is apparent that a boom is at hand in the near future.

Interested people are not a bit bashful about saying that in the near future rents in Washington will equal or surpass those in Sacramento.

All indications go to show that a large population will inhabit this side of the river within the next few years.

Report had it the other day that the shops of the Sacramento Northern and the San Francisco and Sacramento Railroad will be constructed this fall in West Sacramento, just south of the railroad embankment extending westward from the M street bridge.

This land has been surveyed and mapped and stakes have been driven to locate those shops.

Should this come about there will be a population of at least 2000 added to the district because not less than 500 men will be employed.

Very soon the factory of the United States Fiber Products Co. will be in operation. Delay has been holding back a start because the proper kind of machinery has been impossible to secure. At least 100 men will be employed in this factory, and they will be steadily employed so that their families will find homes in the immediate neighborhood.

The rice season approaches when hundreds of men will be engaged in the National Rice Mills and the California Rice Milling Company's mills.

Again as soon as the harvest is over and help available the construction of the Virden plant will be started, wherein more hundreds of men will be engaged who will take up their residence at this side of the river.

There is a wonderful opportunity for property owners at this side of the river and capital will surely follow to make homes for men who have steady employment such as that mentioned above.

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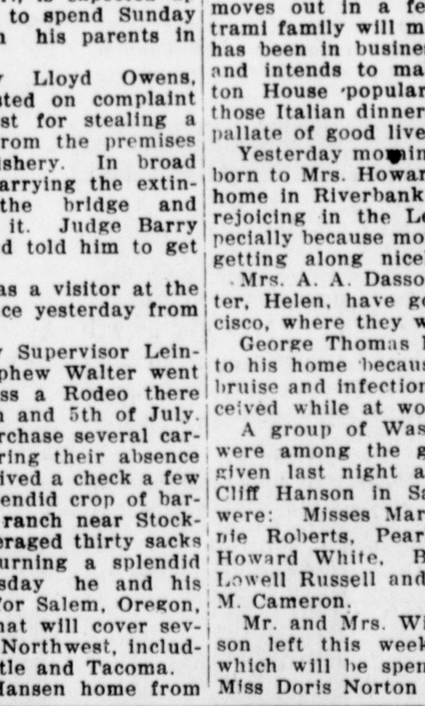
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JULY 26, 2004
File No. 2004-746

The following person is doing business as Advanced Marketing Solutions, 2335 Cable Court, W Sacramento CA 95691:

Jim Foust III and Brandy Foust, 2335 Cable Ct., W Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 26, 2004.

/s/Jim Foust III
/s/Brandy Foust

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: July 26, 2004
by: /s/Carol Grein, Deputy Clerk

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A flash of wit, like a flash of lightning, can only be remembered, it cannot be reproduced.
—Mary Clemmer Hudson

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T.S. No. 04-EC0513-A APN: 045-442-01-1 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 2/19/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 09/14/2004 at 9:00 A.M., ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 2/24/2004 as Document No. 2004-0006957-00 Book Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, property owned by: Denise V. West WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) at: the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall building, 1110 West Capital Ave, West Sacramento, CA, all right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: A.P.N.: 045-442-01-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2609 Independence Avenue West Sacramento, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: $2,742.00 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale The claimant, Touchstone Estates Homeowners Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: August 19, 2004 ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC 2270 DOUGLAS BOULEVARD, #112 ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95661 For Sales Information Please Call 619-590-1221 Erin E. Cannon Trustee's Sale Officer 08/25/04, 09/01/04, 09/08/04 R-111453

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 4, 2004
File No. 2004-772

The following person is doing business as Pro Sweeping, 1612 Filmore Place, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Christofer Peppas, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug 4, 2004.

/s/Christofer Peppas

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Aug 4, 2004
by: /s/Carol Grein, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF ABANDONED MOBILE HOME

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Civ Code Sec 798.61 the Welcome Grove Mobile Home Park will sell at public auction on August 23, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., the RDLNR mobile home located at 600 West Capitol Avenue #44, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 03-22643-fc-ca Loan No. 0003899481 **YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/26/2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **ROBIN GALE, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN** Duly Appointed Trustee: **NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION** Recorded **07/31/2002** as Instrument No. **2002-0031570-00** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **YOLO** County, California. Date of Sale: **08/31/2004** at **12:00 P.M.** Place of Sale: **At the rear (north) entrance to the City Hall building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **$222,745.60** Street Address or other common designation of real property: **3147 SUISUN BAY RD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691** A.P.N.: **045-640-72-1** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: AUG 03 2004 **NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 2525 East Camelback Road, Suite 200 Phoenix, AZ 85016 Sales Line 916-387-7728 Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales SHAWN ELSTON, TRUSTEE SALES REPRESENTATIVE** ASAP604465 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Owner/Trustor: AL SEASTRAND
APN: 042-310-01

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEED OF THE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2003 AND RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2003, DOCUMENT NUMBER 2003-0053937, AND AGAIN ON MARCH 24, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2004-0011506 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF YOLO COUNTY RECORDER. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, at the main entrance to the West Sacramento Post Office, 1601 Merkley Ave, in the City of West Sacramento, County of Yolo, State of California, a representative of CALIFORNIA FORECLOSURE, LLC, Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, or an instrument as provided for in Civil Code, Section 2924(h), all payable at the time of sale, the following described Real Property, situated in the County of Sacramento, State of California,

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Assessors Parcel No. 042-310-01

Notice of Default was recorded on March 24, 2004, as Document No. 2004-0011507.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation of Al Seastrand, trustor, to Streng Bros. Homes Inc., beneficiary.

The TOTAL ESTIMATED amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Real Property to be sold, including estimate of costs, expenses and advances is: AMOUNT: $48,656.00.

The beneficiary reserves the right to open the bidding for less than the entire debt owed. The name, address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting the sale is: CALIFORNIA FORECLOSURE, LLC, P.O. Box 188680, Sacramento, CA 95818, (916) 446-6200.

CALIFORNIA FORECLOSURE, LLC
Dated:
Loretta Seastrand

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History is a hill or high point of vantage, from which alone men see the town in which they live or the age in which they are living.
—G.K. Chesterton

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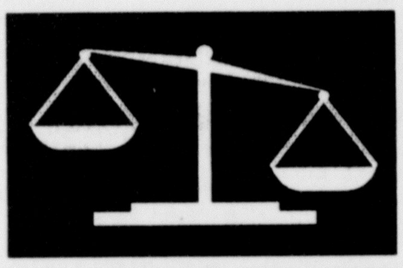
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LETTERS from page seven

West Nile Virus is here

It's here. It's official. The West Nile Virus has come to Northern California.

The West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease that is common in Africa, west Asia and the Middle East. It has spread quickly from Southern California where it was first reported last year, to Northern California this year. As of August 11, 2004, 148 Californians have tested positive and five have died.

Eighty percent of the people who get bitten by a mosquito carrying the disease will not be affected, ten to fifteen percent will get mild flu-like symptoms, and less than one percent will get seriously ill, with conditions such as meningitis or encephalitis. People older that 55, young children and those with weak immune systems are at greatest risk.

The best way to protect yourself is by draining standing water, avoiding exposure in the morning and evening when mosquitoes are active, and using repellant and wearing long-sleeve shirts and long pants to avoid bites.

If you would like more information regarding West Nile Virus you can contact the Department of Health Services, Division of Communicable Disease Control at 552-9730.

SEN. MICHAEL J. MACHADO
Sacramento

Driver's license worries

Regarding Senate Bill 1160: I have a CDL with TX endorsements, which means I have a commercial drivers license (available in 31 languages) with doubles/triples, tankers and hazardous materials endorsements. As a professional driver who, by law, must be familiar with both state and federal laws, rules, and regulations (including a thorough working knowledge of English) that concern driving and highway safety, I shudder to think of the expanded opportunities and possibilities opened up for those who would do us harm, such as terrorists (worse case), or even just ordinary criminals (such as drug smugglers) if this law is enacted. It opens the door to other documentation required for access to sensitive areas to do their dirty work. It is also a back door way to make it easier for undocumented workers (a.k.a. illegal aliens) to access all sorts of public goods and services provided by taxes paid by the vast majority of working stiffs such as you and I. If, and only if, the driver's license illegal's are allowed to get has a bright red holographic image of the word "illegal" boldly embedded in it (thus allowing those of independent means to purchase insurance, while letting the employers of those who are not so well off know that they're breaking the law by hiring them) should we countenance this idiotic attempt by the ruling party to pander to what they view as a potential voting constituency. Even this compromise has the potential side effect of giving terrorists and criminals even easier entry into our country.

Understand that I have no problems with controlled immigration into our country by honest and hard working migrants eager to acclimate and build a better life for their families, themselves and the rest of us. However, politically correct pandering for those who would do us physical and/or economic harm is not my cup of tea.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

Don't attack messenger

Whenever a politician attacks the messenger instead of directly answering the question I wonder what truth they are trying to cover up.

In law the rule is if you have the facts on your side you argue the facts. If you have the law on your side you argue the law. And if you have neither on you try to confuse the issue.

In politics we have something similar. If someone accuses you of something you can agree with the accusation, you can rebut the facts or you can attack the messenger if you don't like the facts. If a politician has the facts on their side they can present them and the accuser is proven wrong. If it is a matter of opinion, subjective in nature, then the facts may not necessarily be there but the accuser isn't attacked. It's just a difference of opinions.

However, if the facts hurt the politician then the politician will often attack the messenger instead of rebutting or countering the facts. They won't answer the charges of "did you...", instead they will attack the messenger in order to deflect our attention from the truth. The truth they don't want getting out.

Watch as this political season continues. Certain politicians will continue to attack the messenger instead of answering the hard questions. I wonder what they are trying to hide?

KARL MACHSCHEFES
West Sacramento

Disabled-friendly housing

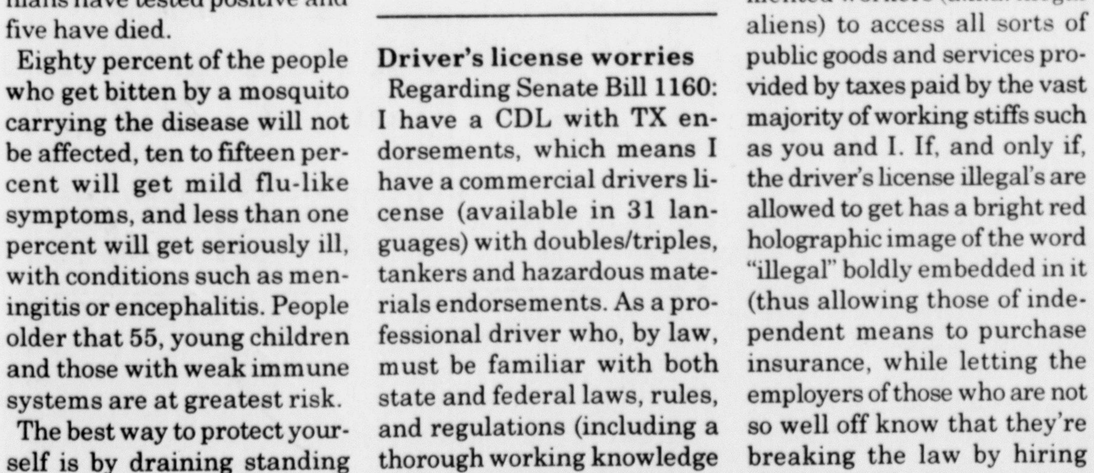
In early July the federal HHS Office of Disability hosted a "Second Symposium on Housing for Persons with Disabilities: Understanding Design and Access Modification", discussing technologies and options, allowing retrofitting of existing homes with wheelchair ramps, etc.

Now Fannie Mae is making financing easier for the nearly 50 million folks to buy homes and now-in-effect state laws are also allowing buyers of new homes to request universal design and access features (like wider doorways, door and faucet lever handles and due-level sink counters in the kitchen, etc.) at very low extra cost. So with increased calls for such policy expansion, it is even harder to understand the opposition to same by the Building Industry Association.

While Fannie Mae may not make such loans directly, they assign such loans to other lenders; hence, the more Fannie Mae gets involved, the harder it should be for BIA to resist such low-cost, forward-looking progress, especially with HHS' goal of modifying existing homes to increase disability access. So as the federal and state agencies are leading the way for disability access, it seems time for local agencies to step up to the plate and require that not only more homes be affordable for low-income buyers, but more of same should be accessible for the disabled.

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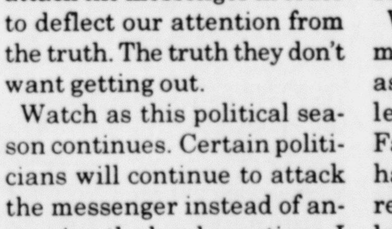
It's a good rule never to send a mouse to catch a skunk or a polliwog to tackle a whale.
—Abraham Lincoln

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I knew in some marvelous way I had touched the hem of the unknown. And being me, I wanted to lift that hemline a little bit more.
—Mae West

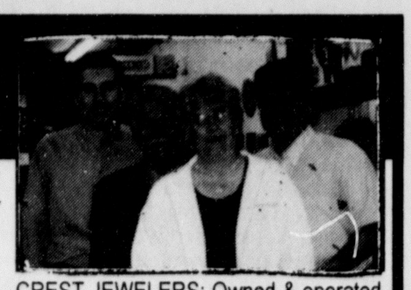
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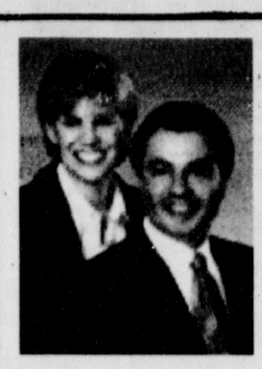
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Entertainment book

The West Sacramento Soroptimists are offering their annual "entertainment book" to help you enjoy life, and help them continue to support service projects that include scholarships, "Hands Together," Friday Night Live, anti-drunk driving efforts and Friends of the Library. The book includes thousands of dollars 2-for-1 offers and discounts for local and national restaurants, hotels, resorts and more – all for $40. Call Erleen at 371-6012, contact any Soroptimist member, or visit www.entertainment.com/support.

'Meals on Wheels'

Friends of the Meals on Wheels program, which delivers food to shut-ins, will host a walk-a-thon at the County Fair Mall in Woodland from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, October 9. The goal is for 150 walkers to raise at least $15,000. Register as an individual or in a group. Get a free T-shirt if you bring $25 in pledges. Call (530) 662-7035.

'Best on the Block'

The city's new "Best on the Block" contest will honor local businesses and residents with cash prizes, certificates and other recognition for efforts that "improve the image, style and appearance of our community." The program also invites sponsors, who will receive publicity and polo shirts. Call Andre Pichly or Jeff El-Bdour at 617-4620.

Fight hunger

Raley's has designated August as "Add-A-Buck" month. Ask the cashier to add a donation to your grocery bill, and 100 percent of your donation will support programs that feed hungry families.

'Nugget' opens

West Sacramento's newest supermarket, a "Nugget" market at the Southport Town Center, will host a grand opening next Wednesday at 9 a.m., reports the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. Visit the grand opening near the corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Linden Road in the Southport area.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the county building on Jefferson Blvd; from 9-9:30 a.m. at the Community Lutheran Church near Drever and Jackson; at Yolo County Housing Authority, 685 Lighthouse Drive from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; and at the Clarksburg Firehouse from 10-11 a.m. Please bring a bag. For information on eligibility or other issues, call (530) 758-6821.

Nursery school

James Marshall Parent Participation Nursery School is enrolling for the 2004-05 school year. The school is intended for parents who wish to be involved in their child's preschool experience. Call 371-0405.

Washington, '74

A 30-year reunion for the Washington High School Class of 1974 is planned for Sept. 17 at Sacramento's Dante Club. Please email Bill Amaral at bill@billamaral.com, or call John Swentosky at 991-1988 or Alice Lokteff, 376-0842, for information.

Gala

The fourth annual Police Officers' and Firefighters' Charity Gala has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9, from 6-10 p.m. in the atrium of the "ziggurat" building (707 Third Street). Tickets are $50 per person and will be available beginning in September. The Collings West Sacramento Teen Center has been selected as the beneficiary of this year's gala. Call Barbara Lowas, 617-4600.

Casino trip

Casa Mobile Park plans a casino trip to Jackson on Sept. 23, departing from the park (1050 West Capitol Avenue) at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $17. For more information, call Chris, 372-3408.

'Carnitas con Oscar'

Vice mayor Oscar Villegas will hold a campaign fundraising dinner called 'Carnitas con Oscar,' on Friday, Sept. 10, from 6-9 p.m. at the ILWU Hall, 600 4th Street. Tickets are $10. Call Katie Villegas, 375-1132.

Historical Woodland

A "stroll through history" in Woodland – including period home tours, craft fair, food, entertainment and more – is planned for Saturday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the Heritage Plaza on Main Street between 4th and 1st streets.

Wine tasting

The Clarksburg Wine Growers Association will hold its annual "Wines of Clarksburg" wine tasting and auction from 2-5 p.m. at the Holland Land Company, 36533 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg. Proceeds benefit the Clarksburg library. Tickets are $30 in advance or $40 at the event. You may order tickets prior to the day of the event by calling Robbie Pillo, 775-1913.

RCHS

River City High School will host "Raider Pride Night" on Wed., Sept. 8. All students and parents of students are invited. From 6-6:30 p.m. there will be freshmen orientation in the gym, followed by a barbecue on the quad and then (at 7) demonstrations and club information. Buses will serve the event from the following sites between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.: Bryte Elementary, Golden State Middle School, Elkhorn Elementary, Westfield Elementary, Southport Elementary, Valhalla/KOA, Evergreen Apartments on Pine Street. The buses will return to the same locations after 8 p.m.

Support Special Olympics

Toby Ross, City Manager of West Sacramento, challenges local people and groups to come up with a team of 10 walkers to participate in "Walk for the Gold" on Sat., Oct. 30, beginning at Raley Field. Help raise money for Special Olympics by getting sponsors for your walk. The city also hopes to have five businesses take the lead as event sponsors. For more information, call Larry von Kaenel at 617-4500.

RCHS '84

The River City High School Class of 1984 is planning its 20-year reunion for Sept. 18 from 6-11 p.m. at Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course, Sacramento. Cost is $55 before Aug. 15 or $65 afterwards. For more information or to sign up, visit www.wsac.net/rchs84reunion, or request materials by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with your contact information to River City High School, Class of 1984 Reunion, c/o Scot Siden, 1321 Garden Highway, Suite 200, Sacramento CA 95833.

Play Day

Child Care Services announces "Play Day," free to babysitters and children up to age five they are caring for. The program is a collaboration between Bryte Elementary School and the City of West Sacramento, offering a preschool environment with learning preparation. Call Mary or Allison at (800) 723-3001.

Life Jackets

Heading to the waterways? The West Sacramento Fire Department offers a free life jacket loan program at Station 41 (132 15th Street). Drop in between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and borrow the jackets you need at no charge. For reservations, call 373-5808 or 617-4600.

Watercolors

Watercolors by Betty Fairbairn Sokolich are featured at the Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, through Sept. 8. A reception for the artist will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Aug. 28.

Used electronics

Through Labor Day, you may take your unwanted PC, laptop, printer or handheld computer – or any of a number of other related products – to Office Depot for recycling, at no charge to you. The nearest Office Depot is at 6700 Folsom Blvd. in Sacramento, 455-2741. Call for more information. One recycling item per customer per day; no TV consoles, furniture, or electric appliances.

Port's future

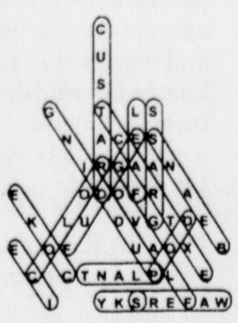
A community outreach meeting including a presentation on the Port of Sacramento's "Maritime Demand Analysis" report will be presented on Thursday, September 9 from 6-9 p.m. at the civic center galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Please give notice of your attendance by Sept. 7 to Garrett Brandenburger, 925-0130, or portproject@valley-vision.org. There will also be a joint port commission and city council presentation on Monday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at the civic center.

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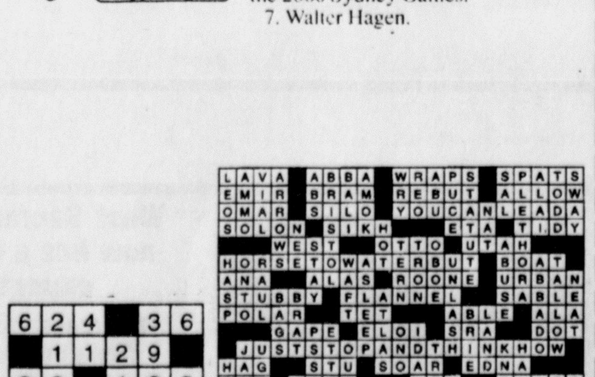
Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)

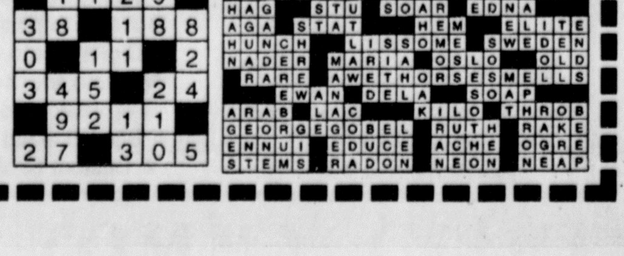
Answers

1. Outfielder Darin Erstad and catcher Ben Molina.
2. Colorado's Todd Helton in 2000 and St. Louis' Albert Pujols in 2003.
3. Punter Jeff Feagles with 256 entering the 2004 season.
4. Michigan State won in 1979, then had a 12-15 record in the 1979-80 season.
5. Bernie Parent of Philadelphia in 1974 and 1975.
6. True — Stacy Dragila won it in the 2000 Sydney Games.
7. Walter Hagen.



Differences: 1. Towel is missing. 2. Locket is missing. 3. Swim tube is missing. 4. Whistle is missing. 5. Ship is missing. 6. Can is missing.





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The 'Easement' Primer

Every property has some kind of easement -- utility, water and sewer or driveway easements which give access to landlocked parcels. As property owner, you may be affected at some point.

An "easement in gross" is commonly used by public utilities. The easements are above or underground -- not actual land. If a utility gains the right to an "easement in gross," it must pay you for diminishing the value of your property.

"Easements by prescription" become easements if you don't challenge the use of your property by a neighbor. You should periodically make a formal objection to "start the clock over."

An "easement appurtment" allows public roads and is used to create driveways and walkways for subdivided parcels. They should be treated as actual parcels to be recorded and described.

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Schools raise price for student's meals

From WUSD

The Washington Unified School District has approved a two-year increase in student meal prices, the first such adjustment in 14 years. The following prices are effective beginning October 1, 2004:

Elementary schools: $.75 (breakfast full price); $.25 (breakfast reduced price). $1.50 (lunch full price; $.40 (lunch reduced price).

Middle and high school: $.75 (breakfast full price; $.25 (breakfast reduced price). $1.75 (lunch full price); $.40 (lunch reduced price).

Pricing will be reviewed at the close of the 2004-05 school year prior to implementing the second year increases in August 2005.



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